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REQUEST TO CORRECT THE ABSTRACT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the International Search Report dated March 30, 2001, please consider and enter the following.

In the New Abstract

The text of the New Abstract has been established by this Authority according to PCT Rule 38.2(b). The Applicants respectfully request that the established abstract be corrected as follows:

In line one, replace "proxi" with **--proxy method--**. The words "proxy method" were in the Abstract as originally filed, whereas the word "proxi" could not be found in the dictionary. Replacement page 21 containing the corrected New Abstract is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Authority consider and enter their correction to the New Abstract.

Respectfully submitted,

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Abstract of the Disclosure

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The present invention encompasses a proxy method for providing an IP address to a computer (100) configured for operation on a wide area network using a local area network address assignment format. The method allows a subscriber side network terminal to receive from a locally attached computer (100) an IP address request in a wide area network compatible format and to obtain from a remote server an IP address using a local area network compatible request.

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